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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS OF ARRESTED AMERICANS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 11 THE EMBASSY SENT A PROTEST NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OVER THE EIGHT DAY DELAY IN NOTIFYING U.S. AUTHORITIES OF THE ARREST ON AUGUST 14 OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN SANTA CRUZ FOR ALLEGEDLY TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS. WE CITED THE VIENNA CONVENTION, ARTICLE 36. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY SENT A NOTE TO THE FONOFF ASKING FOR EXPLANATIONS AS TO WHY TWO OTHER AMERICANCITIZENS HAD BEEN HELD FOR FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF THE U.S. CONSUL. THESE PERSONS WERE ALSO BEING HELD ON DRUG CHARGES.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 9, EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR MET WITH KEY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR JAVIER ARCE AND EXPLAINED IMPORTANCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, ARCE APPRECIATED CONNECTION BETWEEN BOLIVIAN COOPERATION ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS QUESTION AND THE ABILITY OF THE USG TO COOPERATE IN BOLIVIA'S NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. HE AGREED TO BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

3. THE NEW HEAD OF THE BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS DIRECTORATE, COL. APARICIO, IS FULLY IN AGREEMENT WITH OUR POSITION ON PROMPT CONSULAR ACCESS TO DETAINEES. THIS FACT, TOGETHER  
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WITH ANTICIPATED RESULTS OF THE PROTEST NOTE AND THE TALK

WITH ARCE, SHOULD RESOLVE THE PROBLEM WE HAVE HAD IN THE  
PAST OVER THE QUESTION OF NOTIFICATION.  
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